

REMARKS

Claims 1-8 and 10 are pending in the present application. Claims 5 and 8 have been amended. Claims 9 and 11 have been canceled.

Priority Under 35 U.S.C. 119

Applicant notes the Examiner's acknowledgment of the Claim for Priority under 35 U.S.C. 119, and receipt of the certified copy of the priority document.

Drawings

Applicant notes the Examiner's acceptance of the drawings as filed along with the present application on November 14, 2003.

Claim Objections

Claims 5 and 8 have been objected to in view of the informalities as listed on page 2 of the current Office Action dated April 11, 2005. Claim 5 has been corrected as suggested by the Examiner. Claim 8 has also been corrected as suggested by the Examiner, and to be dependent upon claim 1. Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to withdraw the corresponding objections to the claims.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant notes the Examiner's acknowledgment that claims 1-11 would be allowable if claims 5 and 8 are rewritten or amended to overcome the above noted objections. In view of the above noted corrections, the Examiner is respectfully requested to acknowledge that claims 1-8 and 10 are allowed.

Conclusion

As noted above, claims 5 and 8 have been amended merely responsive to the corrections as requested by the Examiner, not to further distinguish over any relied upon prior art. This should be especially clear in view of the Examiner's acknowledgment of allowable subject matter. Accordingly, the above noted amendments should not be construed as narrowing scope within the meaning of *Festo*.

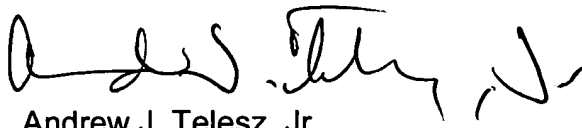
The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the corresponding objection, and to pass the claims of the present application to issue, for at least the above reasons.

In the event that there are any outstanding matters remaining in the present application, please contact Andrew J. Telesz, Jr. (Reg. No. 33,581) at (571) 283-0720 in the Washington, D.C. area, to discuss these matters.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment for any additional fees that may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-0238.

Respectfully submitted,

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Andrew J. Telesz, Jr.", with a stylized flourish at the end.

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